

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
TRUSTEE'S NOTES  
AUGUST 9, 2016

ATTENDEES: Mark Messick, Gregory Rainbolt, Margaret Young, David Pollard, Mary Sue Kane and Mary Lou Habicht

Meeting was called to order at 7 PM on August 9<sup>th</sup> by Greg Rainbolt followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greg Rainbolt: Item 2 on the agenda is the WRT 2016 Budget Additional Appropriation. This is a public hearing. I am going to open up the public hearing. There are no members of the public other than township officials and employees. Do we have any public comments from anyone?

Peggy Young: What is the additional appropriation?

Mark Messick: The additional appropriation is \$20,000 for the roof, \$6000 for air conditioning and \$6000 for a printer. That is not the exact numbers, I can get them if you want.

Peggy: Because at our last meeting...

Mark: We talked about getting \$20,000.

Dave: \$20,000.

Mark: But we have an air conditioner that we just put \$700 in it and it may not last another, you are just throwing away good money because it is going to go out.

Peggy: What is already appropriated for something like that?

Mark: Less than \$5000 is all that we have. I don't know what we have left in the Budget right now for that but I can tell you, hold on a second. In the Maintenance and Repairs area we have \$6,400 left in the Budget right now. That will not begin to cover the air conditioner and the printer. That is why I increased it to \$30,000. We don't have to approve \$30,000. Are we at that point now?

Greg: I will have to close the public hearing. Are there more comments in the public hearing? Hearing none, I'm going to close the public hearing and I am going to ask for a motion to consider additional appropriation WRT Resolution 2016-04.

Mark: I will read it (see attached form of WRT Resolution 2016-04.).

Greg: Do I have a motion to entertain this resolution, Resolution 2016-04?

Peggy: I make a motion to discuss.

Dave: I second.

Greg: Having a 1<sup>st</sup> and a 2<sup>nd</sup> we will open the resolution for discussion.

Mark: The roof – the quote we have from Brickyard is \$20,339.17. I have a quote of \$5844.00 for the air conditioning unit, just one unit. That does not mean, the others are the same age and may not be in the same situation but this is just the one that we have been working on. To replace the printer/copier that we have just been trying to get by with on a daily basis now almost is \$6227.00. For a total we would need in that category \$32,410.17.

Dave: How much was that?

Mark: \$32,410.17.

Greg: Now for the old copier, how are you going to dispose of that? Are you going to trade or swap?

Mark: I hope they just take it away there is no value in it. We have been told that it has been obsolete for several years now. They don't even make that copier and you cannot get parts. That is where we are at. We cannot get any more parts for it. So if I can't play around with it by unplugging it, twisting things, slamming things to get it to fire back up. One day we were without a copier and I could not even get it to work.

Greg: I know there is a procedure to dispose of...

Mark: It will probably get pushed back into the back room and sit there until we get rid of it, if they won't take it.

Dave: Doesn't Johnson County have a...

Mark: No. They used to have a bone pile they kept down there which they had a copier very similar to this and at one time they had those but they did away with all of those with the new Board of Commissioners.

Dave: Can I finish my question now?

Mark: I'm sorry.

Dave: Don't they have times during the year where they have special pickup dates for certain items, TVs and stuff like that and would that possibly be included?

Mark: I can get a trash guy to take it but there is paperwork we have to do to dispose of township property. We would probably just save it. We have a bunch of stuff back there and at some point and time we are going to have to have disposal of it. We have telephones, we have all kinds of stuff.

Greg: You can't just throw them away.

Mark: We have old scanners that don't work and a whole bunch of stuff sitting in the back room.

Peggy: So you would not necessarily need the \$30,000 if you are using up the remaining \$6463.00?

Mark: Yes but then that would leave us nothing for anything else if something would come up.

Peggy: Well then we would come back for another appropriation.

Mark: If we wanted to advertise for another appropriation we could do that.

Dave: What air conditioner is bad?

Mark: The one that is basically in front of your car.

Dave: What part of the building does it service?

Mark: It services the Sheriff's Department and the back part of our office.

Peggy: I was going to say that it feels pretty good in here.

Mark: In here it feels real good.

Dave: Of your office?

Mark: The back room, the one room that we don't use, it services that room too.

Dave: So it services the one room that you don't use and the Sheriff's Department?

Mark: Right.

Greg: What is the condition of the others?

Dave: You already said you don't use yours right? How much does the sheriff use theirs? They don't come here and stay.

Mark: They are in there all the time.

Dave: Not all the time.

Mark: They are in and out all the time but they are there quite a bit and the breathalyzer has to be under certain conditions as far as quality control.

Dave: Do we have to provide that?

Mark: We have been providing that.

Dave: Do we have to provide that?

Mark: No we don't have to provide them a place at all Dave.

Dave: That is my point.

Mark: We don't have to provide a place for them at all.

Dave: Then the taxpayers pay for what they do use and they pay for this also?

Mark: I would think you would want to maintain the building just to keep from having mold and other things occur in the building by not air conditioning it. But basically you are probably right, we don't have to heat it and we don't have to air condition it. But then that part of the building will probably deteriorate quickly whether the sheriffs are here or not.

Greg: So what was the finding from the repairman?

Mark: Basically he got it running but he said he could not guarantee that it will work the next day.

Peggy: Who?

Mark: Bond Heating and Plumbing. It is the same one he has fixed 3 different times now. It has just outlived, really they all have outlived. We talked about that before. At some point and time we need to start replacing the AC.

Peggy: It costs how much each time?

Mark: I forget what the last bill was, what was the last bill?

Mary Sue Kane: I don't know. I would have to go look it up.

Dave: You previously said \$700.

Mark: It is somewhere in that neighborhood. Let me see if I have it, we paid Bond \$836.20 this year. I think the majority of that is the AC.

Peggy: The same one that we are talking about right now.

Mark: Yes.

Peggy: But each time they have been out.

Mark: Yes.

Peggy: Ok.

Mark: Like I said, I have no problem with whatever you approve. The No. 1 thing we have to do is get the roof replaced. If the printer goes out, we are going to have to find a way to replace the printer.

Greg: Is there a need for that big of a computer?

Mark: Yes there is because of the amount of copies that we have to copy on a daily basis. It is anywhere from 20-30 pieces of paper get copied every time and then what we copy for our end of the year and our annual report time yes.

Peggy: My question is can some of this money be moved around like Care of Cemeteries.

Mark: Care of Cemeteries normally that area by the end of the year we move money from Care of Township Property or move money from Care of Cemeteries back and forth and they pretty well even themselves out at the end of the year where we don't have hardly any money left there at all. We cannot move any money from Assistance into Township.

Peggy: Correct.

Greg: Right

Mark: So other than what you see on the front page is only where we can move money. Professional Services we could probably, there may be \$1000 left there at the end of the year. I don't see another item in there that would jump out and say there would be a bunch of money left in. So I don't know where else we would go and get the money.

Greg: So that leaves approximately \$4000 in Repairs and Maintenance correct? What do you anticipate as far as any other issues?

Mark: If another air condition goes out.

Greg: I understand that.

Mark: If that happens we will have another meeting anyway. Do you want me to put in the Budget for this year money for an additional air conditioner? We have 5 units and when we had them quoted, I forget what was the name of the company that came in and quoted the whole thing.

Mary Sue: I don't know.

Mark: Comfort Air or something like that.

Mary Sue: Comfort Air that is who it was.

Mark: Their quote for replacing all 5 units was \$42,000 and something and like I said we will try to get by for a while before we spent \$42,000. It might not be unwise if we start having problems we replace one...

Greg: You're talking about 2 air units and 3 heating elements?

Mark: No we are talking about 5 furnaces and 5 air conditioners. This building has 5 zones. They all have their own furnace and their own air conditioners. We have 3 air conditioners in the back and 2 air conditioners in the front, outside units. We have 5 furnaces upstairs.

Greg: Any more discussion on this? Any discussion on...

Peggy: A different amount?

Greg: Reduction or a different amount?

Peggy: I'm thinking we could reduce it to \$26,000.

Dave: I can go for \$25,600.

Peggy: \$26,000 going once...

Mark: That would require an amendment to the proposal.

Peggy: It shows amount approved by the fiscal body.

Mark: Yes.

Mark: You would have to make a motion.

Greg: A motion to consider another appropriation.

Mark: What did you say \$26,000?

Peggy: \$26,000

Greg: Is there any other discussion on that? Dave what are your thoughts on that?

Dave: I don't like spending money twice. Just like I said I don't see any reason why we have to supply that to the Sheriff's Department when they have a facility they can use themselves. The taxpayers are paying for both of them, paying double.

Mark: All I can say Dave is if we told them it was not available, if the space was not available for them, we would still have to heat and air condition that area in order to maintain the integrity of the building. Actually the sheriff's substation has been part of the trustee's office since I

think 2004, so for 12 years they have been part of the trustee's office. I think they serve the community well, a lot better than they would if they did not have a place.

Dave: What's the difference? They have a car to drive, they stay in an air conditioned car all day long.

Mark: They would have to come all the way from Franklin to get up here. If they are here, they don't have to drive all the way from Franklin to service the community. They go out of here at times like crazy and they are at some place in 2-3 minutes versus 10-12 minutes from Franklin at full speed.

Dave: I don't like them to start with so I'm against them.

Mark: That is all I have to propose.

Greg: Ok, do we have any, do you want to make an ordinance proposal?

Peggy: I make an amendment that we...

Greg: Make a motion to make an amendment?

Peggy: Whatever you want me to say Chairperson.

Mark: In the amount of \$26.400?

Peggy: \$26,000.

Mark: \$26,000.

Greg: They have just made a motion to reduce that to \$26,000. Do I have a second? I will make a second. I have a motion on for \$26,000 additional appropriation and a second. Do I hear any discussion on it, Dave?

Dave: I said my piece.

Greg: Ok. WRT 2016-04 has an amended appropriation of \$26,000. I have a first and a second and with no more discussion I will ask for a vote for WRT 2016-04 for an additional appropriation for \$26.000. I will ask for a vote. All those in favor say Aye (all board members said Aye). We have three Ayes. The resolution passes.

Mark: When you get that signed give one copy to Mary Lou. You have to sign the attested portion.

Greg: That concludes that part of the agenda. The next part of the agenda is any other business.

Mark: When do you want to do your Budget Meeting? We have until October 31 to do it. This year there is no nonbinding review by the county. We got a letter from the County saying they were not going to hold nonbinding reviews of the budgets. We have to have a budget hearing and then you have to have a budget adoption 2 weeks afterwards. We have to have it all done by the end of October. So if you would look at your calendars and give us a couple of dates because I have to advertise the public hearing 10 days ahead of time.

Greg: What is your suggestion on the latest on the hearing date?

Mark: The latest you can have a hearing would be like the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October. That would be the latest that you could have one. I would prefer we do it in the middle of September so we have time incase anything comes up that we need to work with.

Greg: Ok.

Mark: When we do the publication that tells when the public hearing is going to be and it tells when the adoption is going to be. That is why we have to set both dates at the same time. Are you going to be out of town any Dave?

Dave: I doubt it.

Greg: Probably he is looking at towards the middle of September. Does anybody have anything planned?

Peggy: I have Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> open.

Mark: So it would be the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup> of September.

Peggy: The 27<sup>th</sup> I'm open, nice. If that works for you guys.

Greg: The 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mark: Both are Tuesdays. Do you want 7:00?

Dave: 6 o'clock, 5 o'clock, I don't care.

Peggy: 6 o'clock if that is good with you guys.

Mark: 6 PM both nights. The public hearing will be held September 13<sup>th</sup> and the adoption will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. I don't see any big changes in the budget unless I hear someone say that they would like for me to fit in the cost of another air conditioner in next year's budget. Or we could deal with it as an additional appropriation next year.

Greg: I don't see the need to have \$7500 in Repair and Maintenance.

Mark: \$7500 in Repair and Maintenance we had the \$5000 in there in case we have a problem with the building, a car runs into the building, whatever, we would have to pay the deductible. Then \$2700 in the Repair and Maintenance is basically what we try to run with.

Greg: As I recall we put that in there for the air conditioner and things like that, leaks and things like that.

Mark: And if we had to use the \$5000 for insurance purposes. I'm fine leaving the budget as it is. We have enough money if we want to do an additional appropriation we can come in and do an additional appropriation.

Peggy: Are you saying less than the \$7500?

Greg: Yes.

Peggy: Because when we budgeted the...

Greg: This is just recent, the \$7500. Correct me if I'm wrong.

Mark: Yes but we reduced other parts of the budget to make that \$7500. If you look at \$119,030.00, that is less than the previous year's budget. I will try to do that again, make the budget less than the previous year's budget to show that we are using the money wisely. At some point I'm just saying we may have to have an additional appropriation. Now that we understand an additional appropriation, it is not that bad of a deal because if you have the money and you have the means to do an additional appropriation, the only thing that is held over your head is whether DGLF will approve it because we have the money. If you look at the annual report that I gave you the bottom right hand corner of the 1<sup>st</sup> page we have \$475,497.55. Last year we did not raise the full amount of the tax levy and I have a feeling that I'm either going to ask for less of a tax levy and make less of a tax rate this year because I do not like when we have those excesses in there I don't like having that money being collected if you're not spending it.

Greg: We just recently received a lot of...

Mark: We received a \$22,000 amount that went into Rainy Day and so our Rainy Day is now up to \$167,092.05 which basically represents a full year's budget almost.

Greg: Now what about burials? I have noticed that we just...

Mark: We had to move money to cover burials this year. We might increase that area but as long as we have the monies enough to cover the year and it looks like we do. We are hardly getting people to come in. Employment rate is way down in WRT.

Dave: Did we put a tax rate on last year?

Mark: Right. We are now getting certified shares that is not part of the property tax that we were not getting because of that and that is one reason I'm going to lower. It makes sense for use to have a tax levy so we get \$5000 a month. It is just unbelievable that you get that money if you have a levy.

Greg: It is a Catch 22, we have discussed that many times.

Dave: Is there a minimum you have to apply the tax rate?

Mark: I'm going to have it as low as I can Dave. So, on the tax levy and the tax rate I guarantee you it is going to be as low as I think we can possibly get by with and still get that money. I'm having a workshop with the DLGF next week or the week after and after I have that workshop I will know a lot more as to answering that question. It is actually one of the questions that I have with them. To get this \$5000, what do we have to do? We also got \$60,000. So that is \$60,000 more and that is why we have so much excess funds than what we would normally have. The workshop last year because they were basing it on the previous year, showed that we were going to get zero on a monthly basis and we ended up getting \$5000 on a monthly basis because we had a tax levy.

Greg: I know we have discussed that many times.

Mark: Other than that I see no major, in the budget itself I will try to trim it down a little bit more and I will be proposing and I may meet with Greg sometime that we have a minimum tax levy and tax rate. Is there anything else? That is all I have.

Greg: My concern is that we have all of these expenses on one side.

Mark: It is always going to be true and I wish I could make it different.

Greg: That is why I definitely want to be prudent on what we do around here because of what we spend on assistance.

Mark: That is why I try to make this room and this property available as much as I can to the community. So the community feels their worth in this building because that is where we are spending the money, on this building. If you are concerned about that we could move both case workers into the assistance side but I don't think that is a full representation of what they actually do but a lot of townships do that. They don't have a clerk on the township side. As far as I'm concerned that is playing games.

Dave: It is like telling a lie isn't it?

Mark: It's not telling a lie. Mainly Mary Sue's job, she does casework but her main job is the township clerk.

Dave: If you don't claim it then you are more or less telling a lie.

Mark: That is how I feel. That is why we moved both of them, one on one side and one on the other.

Greg: Building wise other than heating and cooling what other repairs are on the horizon?

Mark: I don't see other repairs but I have had comments that we need to get out of the 80s in the décor but I think the décor is fine.

Greg: What is the questioning on the use of this building as a fee to help? You know the more we use it, the more the carpet will get deteriorated and things like that. What are your thoughts on that?

Mark: My thought is as long as we have \$475,000.00 of the taxpayer's money and we have not spent anything on this room and it is still available to them.

Greg: It is going to get used when it is zero.

Mark: It has been zero for many years.

Greg: I know but it has not been used really.

Mark: It has been used.

Greg: It is now. The more traffic we get in here, I know this carpet or something is going to have to be done eventually if you continue that use.

Mark: This carpet is from 2002 when they remodeled this building, this carpet is 14 years old.

Greg: It is just something I thought I would bring up.

Mark: I don't want to charge the public any more than we have to.

Peggy: I don't know what is typically but \$25, I mean does our insurance cover that if we are not doing anything?

Mark: We are covered, our insurance covers it, that is one of the many things we did to make sure it does. What we do now, if we have to have the carpet cleaned, other than wear and tear of the carpet, our biggest problem we have is letting the voters vote here because then we basically it turns out that we have to have the carpet cleaned because we have so much traffic. But other than that, the people who use it, if they don't leave it clean we either have them come in and clean it or we clean it. One time we had to have them come back and do it and they left it cleaner than when we cleaned it ourselves.

Greg: Ok that is something I wanted to bring up.

Mark: We don't professionally have this carpet cleaned. This carpet is cleaned by our custodian. She cleans it twice a year, once after the election in the spring and once after the election in the fall. We clean all the carpets at that time and it seems to be doing ok.

Mary Sue: It is mainly the girl scouts and homeowners that use it on the whole.

Mark: Once and awhile we will have a baby shower, once and awhile we will have a birthday celebration but the majority of it is homeowner associations and the girl scouts, the little league and Lacrosse used it. In the fall the football booster parents on Thursdays have the seniors get together and they feed them. They did not use the building last year but the two years prior to that they used it.

Greg: You might get in the situation where one group is overwhelming the calendar I guess.

Mark: The girl scouts work with us and we will just ask them if they can move their time or whatever. When we have double bookings we will ask the group if they will use the backroom. Homeowner associations a lot of time will use the backroom unless they need the projector.

Greg: That is something I wanted to ask. Is there anything else? Nothing else, I will ask for adjournment. Dave makes it and I second. The meeting is adjourned.

Mark: Our next scheduled meeting will be September 13th at 6 PM, that is the budget public hearing and then September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM for the adoption of the budget. If I need to see you prior to then I will call a meeting after discussing it with Greg or if Greg needs to see me in a public meeting, he will call me between now and then.

